

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force its stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and the abuse of public airwaves for personal and corporate political agendas.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Airing a one-sided political attack in the days before a close election amounts to an overt attempt to ensure a specific political outcome. No media corporation should be allowed to engage in such abuses. Such behavior abandons the concepts of fairness and inclusiveness that responsible media ownership demands.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Please take a close look at the poor corporate citizenship of Sinclair and address it accordingly. Thank you.